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JURY CHOSEN FOR TRIAL OF BUNDY BROTHERS, OTHERS FOR STANDOFF

1 The trial of seven anti-government activists, including ranchers Ammon and Ryan Bundy, for leading an armed takeover of a federal wildlife refuge in Oregon was set to begin on Wednesday with jury selection, court documents show. The takeover of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, which started on Jan. 2 with at least a dozen armed men, was the latest flare-up in a decades-old conflict over federal control of millions of acres of public land in the West. The protest was sparked in part by the return to prison of two Oregon ranchers convicted of setting fires that spread to federal property in the vicinity of the refuge. Jury selection was set to begin on Wednesday in a federal courthouse in Portland, with opening arguments likely to begin next week, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office said. REUTERS

THREE KILLED IN MIDAIR PLANE COLLISION IN GEORGIA

2 Three people were killed when two planes collided above a regional airport in Georgia on Wednesday, a fire official said. The crash occurred near the West Georgia Regional Airport in Carroll County, about 40 miles southwest of Atlanta, said a county fire department employee who did not give her name. The spokeswoman could not say what types of planes were involved in the collision or the exact time of the incident. Fire officials were on the scene investigating, she said. It was not immediately clear if anyone survived the crash or what caused it. Live video of the airport posted online by WSB-TV at about noon local time showed what appeared to be a smashed single-engine aircraft lying on a large lawn or runway. A second aircraft was not shown. REUTERS

HOUSE REPUBLICANS TO DISCUSS WHETHER TO IMPEACH IRS CHIEF

3 House of Representatives Republicans will hold a special conference next week to discuss whether the nation's top tax collector, Internal Revenue Service Commissioner John Koskinen, should be impeached, House Speaker Paul Ryan said on Wednesday. "This is something that we're going to have a planning conference on next week and we're going to discuss among our members, and the members are going to vote the way they want to vote on this," Ryan told reporters. House conservatives are pushing for impeachment, saying Koskinen failed to comply with a congressional investigation into IRS actions applying extra scrutiny to conservative groups' applications for tax exempt status between 2010 and 2012. REUTERS

Clinton, Trump answer veterans' questions at NBC's Commander-in-Chief Forum

National security forum turns into forum on Clinton's emails.

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Tax returns, emails and border walls rank among the several hot-button issues of this year's election season, but Wednesday night the two presidential hopefuls faced off on the topics of military might, veterans affairs and national security.

The comfortable lead Clinton had over Trump has tightened with the latest CNN/ORC Poll showing Trump just ahead of the former secretary of state 45 percent to 43 percent, according to CNN. Questions on national security and how the next commander in chief plans to prioritize America's military have continued to crop up, and with Nov. 8 looming, the public is hoping for more detailed plans from the POTUS contenders.

The candidates took the stage on Wednesday night for the first-ever Commander-in-Chief Forum presented by NBC. Topics on the table were veterans affairs, military issues and national security. Clinton, who spoke first, began the forum by highlighting her experience as secretary of state, but the conversation turned quickly once again to her email scandal.

Clinton reiterated her defense on the email issue and worked to turn the conversation to her experience. She also took issue with Trump's charge that she acted recklessly with U.S. military forces.

"I use force as a last resort, not as a first choice," she said.

She added that her highest military goal is the defeat of ISIS.

Trump said he felt prepared for the role of commander in chief by virtue of his experience as an international businessman.

When asked about his temperament, Trump suggested that his leadership was on display during his recent trip to Mexico. He said that despite his maligned temperament, he emerged victorious from a crowded GOP primary stage.

When questioned about his confidence in current military leaders, he said: "I have great faith in the military. I have great faith in the commanders. … But I have no faith in Hillary Clinton."

Earlier on Wednesday, speaking from Philadelphia, Trump portrayed himself as a defender of traditional Republican values on national security but with a distinct unwillingness to launch new wars in the Middle East. After the Brussels attack in March, Trump said he would not rule out using nuclear arms against ISIS, CNN reported at the time.

Clinton maintains a strong stance against ISIS but isn't just focusing on ground troops in Iraq and Syria, her website stated. "Net-warfare" is the next wave Clinton sees coming in the fight against terror groups.

"As president, I will work with our great tech companies from Silicon Valley to Boston to step up our game," Clinton said in a speech in the wake of the Orlando massacre in July, Vanity Fair reported. "We have to [do] a better job intercepting ISIS' communications, tracking and analyzing social-media posts, and mapping jihadist networks, as well as promoting credible voices who can provide alternatives to radicalization."

Both candidates are standing on platforms that promise improved veteran services, from staffing every VA hospital with OBGYNs to expansive mental health care. Trump has even gone so far as to say on his campaign site that he plans to fire Veterans Affairs supervisors and revamp the program with new leadership. Clinton said on her campaign site that families of veterans will also receive support, even during the transition back to civilian life.

Clinton and Trump are each in favor of a strong military force. After his New Hampshire primary win, Trump said the U.S. military under him will "be so big, so strong, so powerful, nobody is going to mess with us," MassLive reported at the time.

Clinton, who is not against a strong military, also said she believes that improving incomes of workers at home will lead to a stronger infrastructure. Gun control is also an issue Clinton addresses as a national security issue.

"I believe weapons of war have no place on our streets," Clinton is quoted as saying on her campaign website. "We may have our disagreements on gun safety regulations, but we should all be able to agree on a few things. If the FBI is watching you for suspected terrorist links, you shouldn't be able to just go buy a gun with no questions asked. You shouldn't be able to exploit loopholes and evade criminal background checks by buying online or at a gun show. And yes, if you're too dangerous to get on a plane, you are too dangerous to buy a gun in America."

In terms of national security and how to protect the homeland, Trump wants to start with his proposed wall between the U.S. and Mexico. He also plans to take on China by lowering corporate taxes in the U.S. with the assumption that American-made goods will cost less as CEOs pass the savings on to the consumers. China, according to Trump's website, will also have to deal with increased U.S. military in the East and South China Seas.

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Hope restored as missing 9/11 flag returns to site of terrorist attacks

The flag seen in the iconic photo was missing for 15 years.

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The American flag seen in the iconic photo of the firefighters at ground zero on 9/11, which mysteriously went missing only hours after it was raised, has been found and will be displayed in a museum forevermore.

Thomas E. Franklin, the photojournalist who took the photo for The Record newspaper, had heard a few years ago that the flag had gone missing but did not know what to make of the mystery.

"I thought that was odd and unfortunate," Franklin told Metro on Wednesday. He said he is glad for the people for whom it has special meaning that it was found.

The flag will be put in a prominent display next to a print of Franklin's famous photo.

"I'm honored that the flag will be displayed next to my picture," he said, adding that he thinks its appropriate home is the National September 11 Museum & Memorial, which does "an especially good job of telling the story of a really painful history, explaining it in a meaningful way."

Flag resurfaces in Washington state in 2014

When Franklin took the photo on the day of the terrorist attacks, the firefighters — Billy Eisengrein, George Johnson and Dan McWilliams — had removed the flag and its pole from a yacht named Star of America which was docked in the Hudson River near ground zero. Franklin captured the poignant flag-raising moment which was reminiscent of the image of American soldiers raising the flag at the battle of Iwo Jima in 1945.

After its short stint flying at ground zero, a flag, allegedly the original one, was unfurled at Yankee Stadium in 2002 and signed by Gov. George Pataki and mayors Rudolph W. Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg. But that flag was a replacement.

A grainy surveillance video featured on the pilot episode of Brad Meltzer's "Lost History" shows that the original "9/11 flag" went missing hours after it was raised at the site.

A few days after the episode aired in 2014, a man calling himself "Brian" walked into a fire station in Everett, Washington, with a plastic bag saying he believed he had the flag, reported The New York Times.

Brian's story was that he was a Marine deployed in the Middle East and was given the flag by a worker at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, who had been given the flag by the widow of a 9/11 victim. Experts (who will appear on a History Channel special about the rediscovery of the flag this Sunday) are dubious that Brian's story is the whole truth.

The flag's original owner also determined that a recently recovered one must be the original. Apparently, the flag taken from the yacht and flown on 9/11 was 3 feet by 5 feet, and the one signed by Giuliani was 5 feet by 8 feet, the flag's original owners told the Times.

The forensic experts compared the dust on the returned flag to samples from ground zero, and found the same "fingerprint" of concrete, glass fibers, plastic, molten metal and asbestos.

Shirley Dreifus, who had owned the Star of America yacht from where the 9/11 flag was taken, has donated it to the Sept. 11 museum.

Though happy about the unlikely flag rescue, Dreifus told the Times she was saddened that her husband, who died two years ago, was not here to see the flag returned. "He called it the icon of the century," she said. "This was the only symbol of hope that day."

BRIEFS

Mayor: Banning J'Ouvert not an option

J'Ouvert will return.

Mayor Bill de Blasio said that although the city would consider every option in dealing with the violence that has plagued the annual celebration of Caribbean culture, canceling the event is off the table.

"J'Ouvert will continue, he said. "It's an event that is very important to the community and about a quarter million people came. But we are going to look at every conceivable way to make it safer."

The mayor pointed out that the increased police presence kept participants and spectators safe at the West Indian Day parade, which follows J'Ouvert.

"Not many years ago in this town, the parade was very problematic," he said. "[The] NYPD systematically figured out over years how to change that."

CREATIVE COMMONS

Two people were shot and killed during this year's J'Ouvert festivities, despite what the mayor had called "extraordinary" measures to protect the revelers. Officers on Tuesday arrested a suspect in one of the killings.

Last year, a stray bullet fired by warring street gangs killed an administrative lawyer working for Gov. Andrew Cuomo. In a separate incident, a man was fatally stabbed that same night.

GARY KANE

Make bologna great again: Brooklyn deli creates Trump sandwich served by an immigrant

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Bologna has gone political.

A Bed-Stuy deli created a Trump sandwich that is "full of baloney," served on white bread, topped with white American cheese, Russian dressing, a "small pickle" on the side and brought to you "by a Mexican or a Muslim," the chalkboard ad announces.

Olive Leaf Gourmet, on the corner of Halsey Street and Throop Avenue, began selling the sandwich about a week and a half ago, Steve Bassam, one of the creators of the sandwich said.

"We all had an impact on it," referring to the group of creative minds that built the better-than-a-wall meal.

The lunch meat laden delicacy started as a joke between store owner Omar Mubarez, Bassam, his cousin Bassam Mubarez and employee Alfonso Guerrero. The original idea included a ring of tortillas, but bologna ultimately won out.

"[Sales are] doing OK," Bassam said, "but I get a lot of laughs and a lot of people taking pictures without buying the sandwich."

The $6 delight will probably be on the menu for a few more weeks, Bassam said.

"[Trump's] a person that exposed the hatred in this country," Omar Mubarez told DNAinfo. The owner added he "absolutely will not" vote for the Republican nominee.

There are no plans for a Clinton-wich, although Mubarez told DNAinfo she won't get his vote either. KIMBERLY M. AQUILINA

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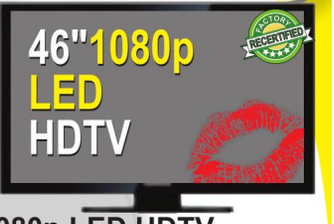

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Raising a family? The Big Apple might not be the best place to live

Many Northeast cities were ranked low for family-friendliness by a personal finance website

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When it's time to raise a family, many couples think about moving to a smaller, less populated town outside of a large city, but some want to stay in an urban setting — seeing the advantages that it has to offer their future children.

New York isn't one of the more family-friendly cities in the nation, according to WalletHub, a personal finance website.

WalletHub "compared the 150 most populated U.S. cities based on 36 key metrics that take into account essential family dynamics such as the relative cost of housing, the quality of local school and health care systems, and the opportunities for fun and recreation" to see what the best and worst urban locations were for families.

The results found that none of the top 50 cities included Northeast locations — with many cities in that region trending toward the bottom, including New York City.

WalletHub specifically ranked cities across five key dimensions: family fun; health and safety; education and child care; affordability; and socioeconomic environment.

The top cities in the ranking were Overland Park, Kansas; Madison, Wisconsin; Plano, Texas; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Virginia Beach, Virginia. Plano, for example, ranked No. 1 for most affordable housing, and Overland Park had the lowest percentage of families that were below the poverty level.

Finances seemed to have a large impact in the rankings, as New York City was unsurprisingly No. 1 for attractions, but ranked last for lowest median family salary (adjusted for cost of living).

New York City, which ranked 115 overall, was at 37 for health and safety, but in the 70s for family fun and education and child care. Its big-city neighbor to the south, Philadelphia, also ranked low for affordability and other factors, coming in at 123.

Boston, however, fared better at No. 53, with its high education and child care rating of five.

"Young families should carefully review their lifestyle and assess their current resources, and then prioritize their preferences accordingly," said Soyeon Park, associate professor in the Department of Child and Adolescent Development at San Francisco State University.

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"Not all families have the sufficient wherewithal to buy a large single family house with a spacious backyard, hire a 24-hour nanny, send the child to a private school and shop daily at pricey organic grocery stores. For some families, enjoying outdoor recreational activities together on weekends is crucial, but for others it may be more important to find easy access to multiple child care arrangements as both parents work full-time with nontraditional hours. Long-term financial planning based on individual needs is key to successfully managing a budget, especially when couples have young children or plan to have children in the near future."

Where students live may impact their performance

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Historically, college dorms have been characterized by anything but great architecture. While many older institutions rent out rooms ("cells" may be a more apt description) in neogothic structures, newer institutions tend to house students in some of the world's least inspiring modernist buildings (for an example, head over to the I.M. Pei towers that dominate NYU's University Village). More recently, however, at least some colleges and universities have begun to acknowledge that where students live may have an impact on their performance. Financially savvy institutions have also started to link student housing options to student retention rates.

As a result, on many campuses, drab gray concrete structures with prison-size windows are finally giving way to light, glass and wood and to an entirely new range of built-in amenities. This means that whether or not all students know it, a growing number of them are now living in buildings on the cutting edge of contemporary design.

Retrofuturism at Vassar College

Although the movement to bring innovative architecture to college residence buildings has only recently gained momentum, in the New York City area, there is at least one example of an earlier attempt to revolutionize residence living. At Vassar College, students have the option of living in what may be best described as yesterday's university residence of the future. Noyes House, a slick crescent-shaped building designed by acclaimed Finnish-American architect and designer Eero Saarinen (also known for his futuristic terminal at JFK) was completed in 1958.

The New School IMAGE COURTESY OF SOM BY JAMES EWING

To this day, students at Vassar refer to the residence's main common area as the "Jetsons' lounge" and with good reason. The lounge area, furnished with Saarinen's iconic "womb chairs," includes a sunken circular seating area, affectionately described by Vassar students as the "passion pit" since it is also where they hold poetry readings. While Noyes House may look a bit dated, the residence's architecture and design features have only gained value over time. Design Within Reach currently lists Saarinen's "womb chairs" for up to $6,039. To put this price tag into perspective, one womb chair is roughly equivalent to the cost of one semester's room and board in a Vassar College residence.

The Flex Use University Center at The New School

In 2009, a group of students occupied the New School's University Center at 65 5th Avenue. While the protest allegedly was designed to force the resignation of the university president, on campus, students were also clear about the fact that the occupied building needed to go. A massive but under used gray monolith, 65 5th Avenue had no classroom or living space and did little to promote the university's reputation as a world leader in design education. Whether the protest helped or not, shortly after the arrest of a group of black balaclava clad undergraduates, the New School did get a new president and hire a demolition crew to destroy the existing building at 65 5th Avenue.

Over the next five years, the corner of 14th Street and 5th Avenue was rebuilt from the ground up and in 2014, SOM's (Skidmore, Owings and Merrill) new University Center opened. An impressive structure both inside and out, the building was also the result of extensive community consultations with faculty, staff and students. As a result, the Gold LEED certified building includes a concert hall, design studios, a library, classroom and meeting spaces and on the upper floors, a 600-bed residence tower.

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BRIEFS

Charges dropped in case of fatal tire-iron beating of rape suspect

Prosecutors on Wednesday dropped all charges against a Bronx man who beat to death another man who he said was attempting to rape his wife in their apartment building.

Mamadou Diallo, 61, was outside his apartment building on Washington Avenue and East 168th Street last May when he received a call from his wife, alerting him that she was attacked and nearly raped by a man inside.

Diallo confronted the man, Earl Nash, on the building's sixth floor, where he clubbed him with a tire iron in an elevator, according to ABC7.

When authorities arrived, the man was sent to Lincoln Hospital in critical condition, where he later died.

Diallo was charged with assault in connection with the attack, but was released on his own recognizance, ABC7 reported.

The courtroom reportedly broke into cheers when it was announced that Diallo would not face charges in the man's death.

"We truly believe that both the Nash and the Diallo family have suffered a great deal of pain as a result of May 30, 2016," a statement from the district attorney's office read.

"While we cannot undo the damage that was done that evening, we hope to bring some closure not only to our family but to the Diallo family as well," the Nash family said in a statement. "As such, we wholeheartedly recommend that District Attorney [Darcel] Clark dismiss all charges against Mamadou Diallo."

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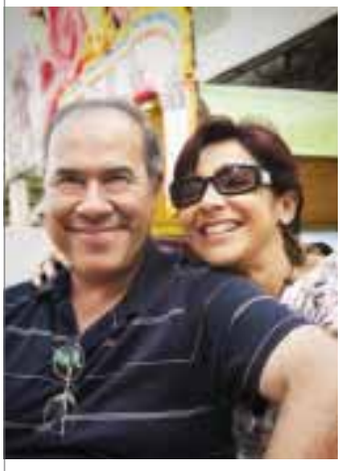

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School supply requests can cost parents about $100

While not required, school officials are requesting parents bring supplies for both personal and classroom use.

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Parents in New York City are increasingly being asked to help chip in for classroom costs at New York City public schools.

While it's not required, many families are coughing up nearly $100 per child for the requested supplies, according to a report in the New York Daily News — and that's not including personal costs, such as a new backpack or a new wardrobe.

"The lists seem really absurd, but I know teachers have limited resources and depend on families to help them equip the classroom," Manhattan parent Kathryn Lineberger, who has three children in the city's public schools, told the paper. "I'm happy to help as best we can."

Parents of young students in Clinton Hill and Brooklyn complained to Crain's New York that the late notice provided by their schools complicated their efforts to acquire the items.

"We only got our list Monday [Aug. 21]," Robin Lester Kenton, a member of advocacy group Bed-Stuy Parents Committee, whose older son will be attending pre-K this year, told Crain's.

Items included 10 black-and-white marble notebooks, "at least" 100 pencils, three reams of copy paper, two boxes of Kleenex, and a pack of pens. Hand sanitizer, hand soap and Lysol wipes were also reportedly requested, with some items marked for personal and community use.

Prior to 2008, every public school teacher in the city was reimbursed about $220 a year for classroom supplies, according to the Crain's report. Last year, that number dropped to $122.

Maya Cachon, a kindergarten teacher in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, told the Daily News that she's already spent $300 on her classroom this year, but is confident it will be worth the cost.

"I love it, I try to do something different every year," Cachon, who created a jungle theme for returning students, told the paper. "If the children aren't excited about being here, it's going to be a very long day."

Apple unveils water-resistant iPhone 7

Apple senior vice president of worldwide marketing Phil Schiller speaks on the new Apple iPhone 7 during a launch event on Wednesday in San Francisco, California. GETTY IMAGES

The new phone will start shipping in major markets, including the United States and China, on Sept. 16.

Apple Inc. unveiled its new water- and dust-resistant iPhone 7 with high-resolution cameras at its fall product event on Wednesday, and said a Super Mario game was coming to the new phone and Pokemon Go would feature on its upgraded Apple Watch.

The excitement at the Bill Graham auditorium in San Francisco was not matched on Wall Street as Apple's stock spent most of the session in negative territory before briefly showing small gains.

However, Nintendo's U.S.-listed shares jumped more than 20 percent to trade around $35 after it announced a new smartphone game in the venerable Super Mario Bros. series, Super Mario Run, which will debut in December on the iPhone and iPad.

The world's best-known technology company said the iPhone 7, starting at $649, would have one, zooming 12-megapixel camera. The "Plus" edition, starting at $769, would feature two cameras.

It also removed the analog headphone jack, as was widely expected. The new headphones supplied by Apple with the phone will plug into the same port as the recharging cord, but it will also work with Apple's new wireless headphones, called Air Pods, available in late October at a price of $159.

"While the camera improvements for the iPhone 7 Plus are nice, they are incremental for most and the lack of headphone jacks could offset that for others," said Bob O'Donnell of research firm TECHnalysis.

He said Apple's new glossy black finish could be more popular than any tech feature, reflecting the slowdown in major tech innovations for smartphones.

Mike Binger, senior portfolio manager at Gradient Investments LLC in Minneapolis, said the disappearance of the headphone jack "will probably annoy a certain amount of people" but they would likely get over it.

"Every other release tends to be a better release. Most people's two-year contracts are nearing the end, so I think the iPhone 7, just from a replacement basis, will be a successful launch," he said. "We're in good shape for a nice sales cycle here, so I'm encouraged."

Apple typically gives its main product, which accounts for more than half of its revenue, a big makeover every other year and the last major redesign was the iPhone 6 in 2014.

Apple said its Apple Watch Series 2, with a swim-proof casing, will be available in more than 25 countries starting on Sept. 16.

"I predict Watch sales will improve dramatically," said Tech analyst Patrick Moorhead. "Most of the current Watch owners are early adopters and the next wave could be 10 times the size of that market."

Apple also launched a new version of the device called the Apple Watch Nike+, in partnership with the athletic goods manufacturer Nike Inc., featuring GPS so athletes can track their runs.

Shares of Fitbit Inc., which makes activity-tracking bands, fell 2 percent on the emergence of such a high-profile competitor. REUTERS

A man walks through the rubble after the collapse of the first World Trade Center tower September 11, 2001, in New York. GETTY IMAGES

Party lines split US on terror threat 15 years after 9/11: Poll

The Sept. 11 attacks are a powerful memory for many Americans. Almost 3,000 people died when hijackers slammed airliners into New York's World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

With the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks nearing, Americans are sharply divided on party lines over the threat of a major terrorist attack on the United States, according to a poll released on Wednesday.

Forty percent of Americans say the ability of terrorists to strike the United States is greater than it was at the time of the Sept. 11 attacks, according to the Pew Research Center survey of 1,201 adults.

That share is up 6 percentage points since November 2013 and marks the highest percentage with that view over the past 14 years. Thirty-one percent of respondents say terrorists' abilities to attack are the same, and a quarter say it is less.

"The growth in the belief that terrorists are now better able to launch a major strike on the U.S. has come almost entirely among Republicans," the Pew Research Center said.

Fifty-eight percent of Republicans say terrorists' ability to hit the United States in a major attack is greater than at the time of 9/11, up 18 points since 2013, it said.

The poll results marked the first time that a majority in either political party had expressed that opinion, the Pew center said.

About a third of independents, or 34 percent, and 31 percent of Democrats say terrorists are better able to strike the United States than they were then. Those views are up 2 percentage points each from three years ago, according to the survey.

The partisan divide is in line with other opinion sampling on the U.S. government's ability to deal with terrorism, Pew said.

In an April Pew poll, three-quarters of Democrats said the government was doing very or fairly well in reducing the threat from terrorism, while 29 percent of Republicans said the same.

Ninety-one percent of the adults surveyed remember exactly where they were or what they were doing when they heard news about the attacks. Among those under 30, 83 percent said the same.

The Pew survey was conducted by telephone from Aug. 23 to Sept. 2. The margin of error is 3.2 percentage points, meaning results could vary that much either way.

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Ferguson protest leader found shot dead in burning car

Protest leader Darren Seals, 29, was found dead in a burning car in the village of Riverview, about five miles east of Ferguson, early Tuesday, police said.

Darren Seals FACEBOOK

Missouri detectives have not determined a motive or identified any witnesses in an investigation into the death of a man who led protests in the city of Ferguson following the fatal 2014 shooting of Michael Brown by a law enforcement officer, police said on Wednesday.

Ferguson, a St. Louis suburb, gained national attention because of rioting after the August 2014 shooting of Brown, an unarmed black 18-year-old, by white police officer Darren Wilson. Most protests were peaceful, but violence erupted again when a grand jury decided not to bring charges against Wilson.

A federal investigation later found patterns of racial discrimination by Ferguson police.

The demonstrations helped to coalesce the civil rights movement Black Lives Matter.

"I don't recall anyone having a longer protest, a more productive protest, a more creative protest than what we did," Seals said in an interview with MTV released in November 2014. "I don't think people will ever really appreciate what we did until years from now."

Hours before Seals' death, he posted on Twitter about Colin Kaepernick, a San Francisco 49ers quarterback who protested racial injustice and police brutality by declining to stand for the national anthem, and the presidential election. In his Twitter profile, Seals described himself as a "businessman, revolutionary, activist, unapologetically BLACK, Afrikan in AmeriKKKa, fighter, leader."

Police have not determined a motive for the crime or identified any witnesses, Sgt. Shawn McGuire said. McGuire declined to say in which part of Seals' body he was shot.

County police said officers were first called to investigate a burning vehicle in Riverview. "When the fire was extinguished, a deceased male subject was located inside of the vehicle," the department said in a statement.

Seals, whose last-known address was in St. Louis, was identified as the victim. REUTERS

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Japan's half-Indian Miss World contestant a challenge to its self-image

With a Japanese mother and an Indian father, Yoshikawa offers the latest challenge to Japan's self-image as a racially homogeneous nation.

Priyanka Yoshikawa GETTY IMAGES

Priyanka Yoshikawa says she hopes that being crowned Miss World Japan will spur greater acceptance in her homeland of people with parents from different ethnic backgrounds, such as herself.

"I have a responsibility," said Yoshikawa. "I have to make things happen because I made a difference, being crowned as a mix."

She joins a wave of prominent "hafu," as many Japanese call those with parents from different ethnic backgrounds, among them Mashu Baker, who won a gold medal in judo at the Rio Olympics, and Asuka Cambridge, who anchored the silver medal-winning men's 4x100 meters relay.

Some children of mixed ethnicity in Japanese schools have been bullied because they look different. Other "hafu" have won fame in entertainment, but may yet not be regarded as genuine Japanese.

Yoshikawa is the second Japanese of mixed ethnicity to win a beauty contest in as many years.

Last year, Ariana Miyamoto, whose father is African-American, was chosen as Japan's representative to the Miss Universe contest, a victory that Yoshikawa said had inspired her.

Miyamoto's win sparked a social media backlash, but the response to Yoshikawa has been more nuanced.

"Miss Japan is 'haafu.' I'm so happy!" wrote one social media commentator. Others said the two mixed-race choices showed Japan was more accepting of diversity.

Some were puzzled or critical. Miss Japan should "look good in kimono," said one person in a comment on Yahoo. Another said, "She's not bad, but wasn't there a pure Japanese to represent Japan?"

Such reactions reflect a traditional mindset that is starting to change, said Yoshikawa, who at 5-feet-8, exceeds that of the average Japanese woman. REUTERS

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Russian Sukhoi Su-27 fighter GETTY IMAGES

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The Russian defense ministry said it had sent Su-27s on Wednesday to intercept a U.S. aircraft approaching its border over the Black Sea because the American planes had turned off their transponders, which are needed for identification.

There have been a number of similar incidents involving Russia and the United States this year. In April, two Russian warplanes flew simulated attack passes near a U.S. guided missile destroyer in the Baltic Sea.

The events are reminiscent of the Cold War, when a series of close calls led to a bilateral agreement aimed at avoiding dangerous interactions at sea that was signed in 1972. REUTERS

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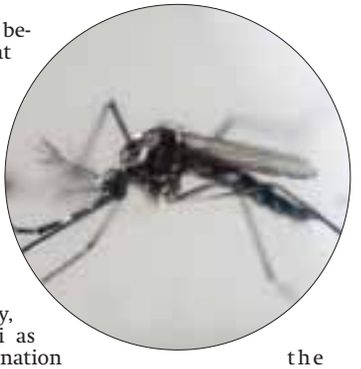

Flight bookings to Miami for the Thanksgiving holiday in November dropped after the Zika virus was detected in the Wynwood area in the popular tourist destination, travel data analysis company ForwardKeys said.

Flight bookings were down 10 percent as of Aug. 27, after being up 11 percent as of Aug. 19, the day Florida confirmed that the mosquito-borne Zika virus was active in Miami, according to the report.

According to the ForwardKeys study, trips with Miami as the sole destination were strongly affected, whereas there was no impact on bookings for trips that included the city and other destinations.

There was little impact on flight bookings for September, October and Christmas, the report found.

American Airlines Group Inc., the largest carrier in Miami, and rival JetBlue Airways Corp., were not immediately available for comment.

Leisure airfares to the greater Miami area have inched down while fewer hotel rooms have been booked in downtown Miami in the weeks since the Zika virus was detected there, Reuters reported last month.

Last month, Florida announced four new cases of Zika in the Wynwood neighborhood, where officials have been aggressively spraying for the mosquitoes that carry the virus for weeks.

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The current Zika outbreak was first detected in Brazil last year and has since spread across the Americas, Singapore and Malaysia. In Brazil, Zika has been linked to more than 1,800 cases of microcephaly, and U.S. officials expect as many as 270 cases in Puerto Rico, where local transmission of the virus is widespread. REUTERS

BRIEF

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Dutchman dies in Tesla crash; firefighters feared electrocution

A Dutchman died on Wednesday after his Tesla collided with a tree, according to local authorities, and it took firefighters hours to remove his body from the vehicle due to fears they could be electrocuted.

The cause of the crash on a highway about 25miles east of Amsterdam was not known. Photos of the crash scene published by local media showed the back of the car mostly intact but its front smashed in and parts strewn about.

Tesla said it was "working with the authorities to establish the facts of the incident" and would publish its findings as soon as they were available. A spokeswoman said it was not known whether the car was using "autopilot," Tesla's driving assistance technology, at the time of the crash, and that would form part of the investigation.

A fatal crash of a Tesla Model S in the United States earlier this year knocked the company's shares and raised concerns about whether automated driving technology was being released to consumers safely.

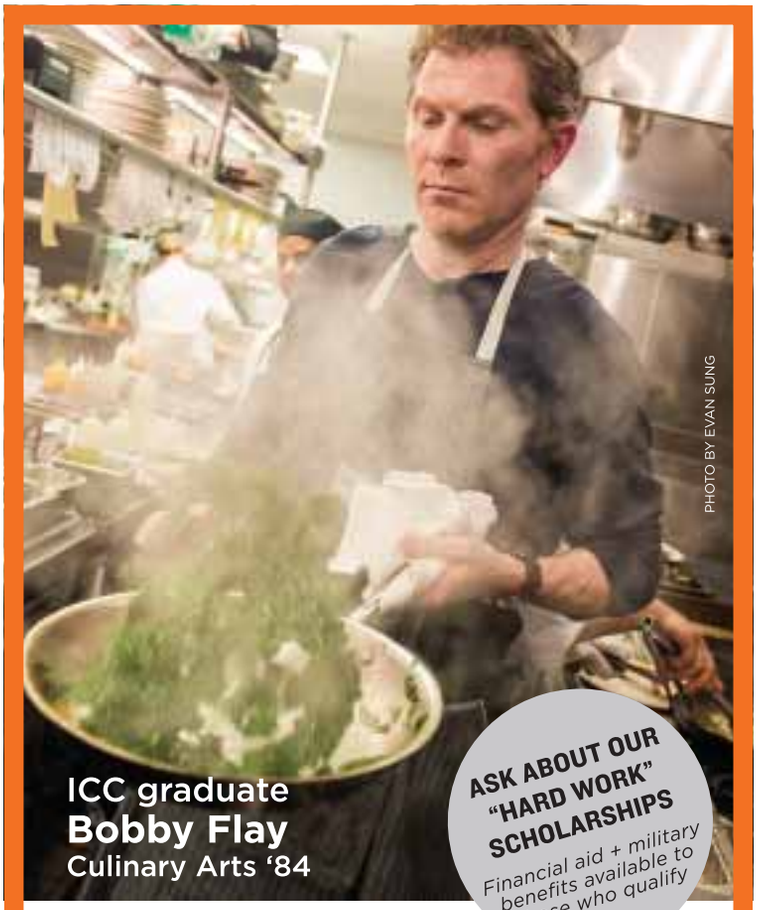
The Dutch vehicle regulator RDW is the authority which issues road worthiness certificates for Teslas in Europe.

Fire department spokesman Ronald Boer said guidelines for dealing with electric car crashes were well established in the Netherlands. But due to the nature and severity of the wreckage, firefighters could not be certain whether the car might be under high voltage.

Tesla GETTY IMAGES

Newspaper De Telegraaf reported the car's battery was broken, and part of it caught fire and was difficult to extinguish. Part of the battery remained inside the car, the paper said, leading to the fears of electrocution.

De Boer said since firefighters were certain the victim had died immediately after the crash, it did not make sense for rescue workers to take unneeded risks in recovering his body. REUTERS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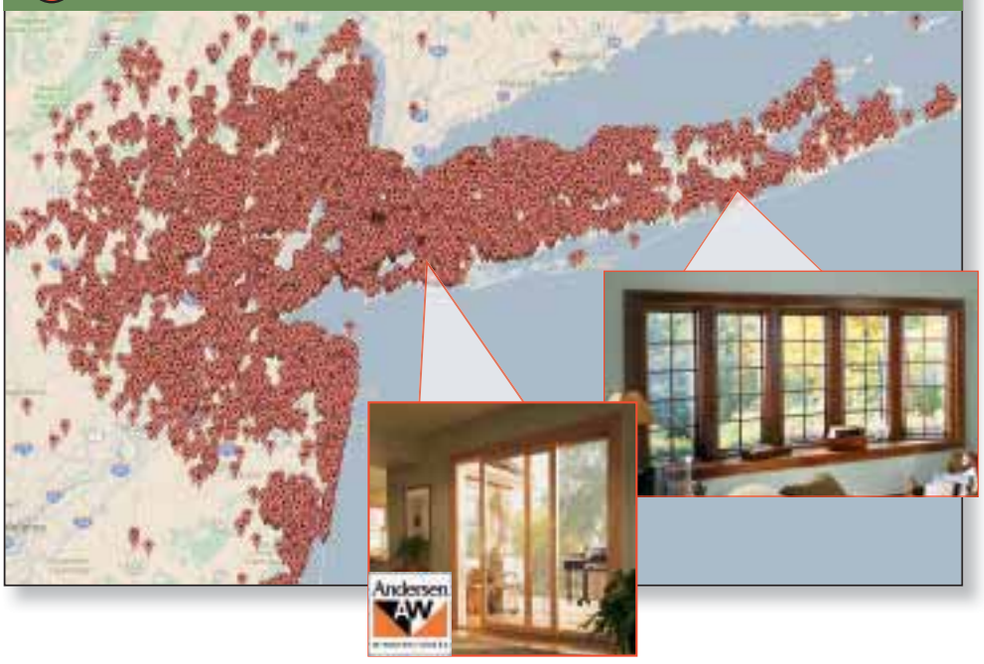

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When introduced directly into your knee joint, it is like squirting oil on a rusty door hinge.

Viscosupplementation allows your joints to glide more smoothly eliminating a lot of the rubbing, grinding and pain.

Can Supplements Do The Same Thing?

No. Glucosamine and chondroitin and other supplements are much different. You can only get this from a doctor and it often helps knee pain sufferers who got limited or no success from glucosamine and chondroitin. Beware of unsubstantiated claims made by supplements to do what this advanced medical procedure does.

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Baby Boomers May Avoid Knee Surgery With Modern Arthritis Treatments

Doctors say these two factors are the keys to knee arthritis treatment success and relieving pain without surgery

By Matt Edgar

America's Health Writer

New York City - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

"We all know that countless lives are being saved every year because of early detection and better treatment" noted the clinic director at the ***NY Pain MD*** in New York City. "*The same holds true for treating arthritis pain. I believe we are having so much success at* ***NY Pain MD*** *because of two factors: One is we are using advanced medical technology and treatments a lot of clinics do not use. And second, the word has spread to our community and so many knee arthritis sufferers are coming in sooner. And the earlier we can treat knee arthritis - the better the results. The key to trying to avoid knee replacement surgery is doing the correct treatment as soon as possibly"*

What is the "correct treatment?"

"That depends," said the director. *"There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions. Knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day,"* added the director.

For many knee arthritis pain sufferers the right treatment is Viscosupplementation whereby a preparation of Hyaluronic acid a gel-like FDA approved medicine is applied directly into the knee joint using *Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology.*

Hyaluronic acid is the natural lubricant and shock absorber of your joints and is found to be decreased in arthritis sufferers. This is similar to running your without oil. Obviously, the sooner you put oil back in the car - the less damage will be done. That's why some doctors feel early viscosupplecosupplementation gets the best results and is so important for avoiding surgery.

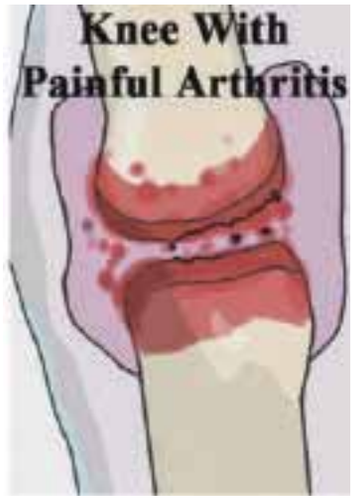
The director believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely. That's why the doctors at ***NY Pain MD*** use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targetin*g during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.)can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Presision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.

"If you have knee arthritis pain, viscosupplementation might be the answer you are looking for. The keys are to not wait, get a good evaluation from an expert and make sure precision arthritis targeting is used to make sure you have the best chance for success."

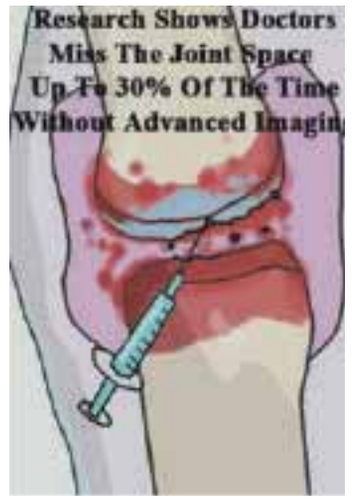
Can This Be Avoided? Total knee replacement is serious surgery requiring months of rehabilitation. Some doctors think modern treatments done early enough can keep baby boomers from going under the knife.

Everyone Wants Proof: In the artist simulated drawings above, picture #1 is a normal, pain-free knee. There is no arthritis and the knee can move and bend freely without pain.



Pain - The red is a knee joint with painful osteoarthritis. With progressive "drying out", arthritis causes the joint space to decrease and an array of symptoms which may include grinding, stiffness, decreased motion, bone spurs, swelling and a lot of pain.

Successful Treatment - Treatment (blue) being applied directly into the knee joint using Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology. Advanced imaging allows treatments to be as precise as possible. Viscosupplementation can lubricate the joint and decrease pain.



Failed Treatment - the medicine misses the joint space. Research shows this occurs up to 30% of the time without the use of Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology to guide the injection. This is why prior treatment may not have worked for you.

Trending at Fashion Week

From see-now-buy-now to Instagram Stories, we've got all the talking points you need for the spring 2017 show season. **NICOLE HUNTER**

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A major Tommy Hilfiger x Gigi Hadid happening is happening

Last season, Yeezy provided the big celebrity kickoff to New York Fashion Week. This go 'round it's going to be all about Gigi. On Friday, Tommy Hilfiger will debut its capsule collection with Insta-model Gigi Hadid and it's got all the talking points:

1. The collection will be see-now-buy-now (you'll be hearing that phrase a lot this week), with the brand releasing the clothes in stores immediately after the show.
2. The show will have an extravagant carnival theme — it will literally be one giant fashion party, complete with ferris wheel and arcade games at Pier 16 at South Street Seaport.
3. If you can't manage to get your hands on tickets, stream it live this Friday on Tommy.com
4. Did we mention it's open to the public? The following day, Sept. 10, from noon to 9 p.m., the pier will be open to consumers who will be able to shop the new collection. Gigi Hadid will also be making a special appearance that day.

A homecoming at Oscar de la Renta

This is the season of designer musical chairs. Some of the big changes include Raf Simons at Calvin Klein and Valentino's Maria Grazia Chiuri at Christian Dior, the first woman to helm the storied French fashion house. And this week it was finally announced that Laura Kim and Fernando Garcia, the designers behind hot partywear line Monse, will take over as co-creative directors at Oscar de la Renta, replacing Peter Copping. Why this is extra special: Kim and Garcia got their start at ODLR, where Kim served as design director for more than a decade. While the duo won't officially show until next season, the excitement for their debut is already building.

Yeezy 4! Yeezy 4!

It isn't Fashion Week without a Kanye West headline, and this season there are bound to be a few. First, there was his Life of Pablo tour, which took Madison Square Garden by storm Sept. 5 and 6, days before NYFW officially kicked off. Second, Yeezy 4 landed in a suitably grand fashion the following day. After the rapper stirred up controversy with his model-casting tweet seeking "multiracial women only," he shuttled people to a secret spot on Roosevelt Island for his show, which featured a performance from the artist Vanessa Beecroft. Attendees waited for hours without water or bathrooms. West's models finally emerged, in over the knee boots and hoodies in his signature nude. Earlier, West told Vogue.com he was inspired by his family and life in Calabasas, California. Go figure.

Snapchat or Stories?

Around this time of year, the fashion media loves to publish lists of influencers to follow on social media. Chances are you've seen them; the lists are always the same, but the social media channels and terminology tend to change with the times. Ten years ago it was the "Bloggers to Follow on Twitter." Five years ago it was the "Street Style Muses to Stalk on Instagram." Last year, "The Social Media Stars to Befriend on Snapchat." And this season? Instagram Stories. The Facebook-owned photo-sharing app already reigns as fashion's most-beloved social network. And now with Stories, models, editors and social-media types can overshare those catwalk moments to their heart's content. Expect to be drowning in BTS video clips and hand-drawn doodles.

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Calvin Klein is momentarily scaling back

Following the exciting news that Raf Simons will have his womenswear debut with the brand in February, the brand announced it will stage a presentation rather than a full catwalk show for spring 2017 in the interim.

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How this fashion insider gets ready for NYFW

Natalie Off Duty puts together the perfect Fashion Week look. **TINA CHADHA**

Finishing touch

"Everyone during Fashion Week loves to wear sunglasses because they're tired, and it makes your outfit," says Suarez. "These are my Kurt Cobain sunglasses. I like them because they're really retro, and white sunglasses are such a pop with this all-blue look. It will be perfect."

"Fashion Week is really important because I like to support local designers, and my readers really enjoy watching the event," says Suarez. **ALL IMAGES NATASHA JAHANGIR**

We're jealous of Suarez's walk-in-closet.

During New York Fashion Week, shows aren't just reserved for the runway. Well-dressed attendees in front rows, streets and after-parties are all in the spotlight. This means the question on everyone's mind — "What should I wear?" — takes on a whole other level of importance.

Natalie Suarez, the model, singer and blogger who documents her NYC adventures — often alongside her sister Dylana — on the site Natalie Off Duty, lets us into her Dumbo loft to show us how she plans a look for the big event.

Prep beforehand

"During Fashion Week I try to plan my look at least a day in advance," says Suarez. "I'm always so busy that it's easier to know what I'm going to wear so I can just sleep in and quickly get ready — otherwise I'm just a wreck."

A touch of drama

"I picked these Missoni pants because they're really big and dramatic and will totally stand out for street style and all of that," she says.

Play with texture

"I love going for a monochromatic look," says Suarez about the blue velvet wrap top she pairs with the pants. "It's cropped, it shows a little bit of skin, so it'll go well with a big, oversized bottom."

For more images from our shoot, visit metro.us.

Flats are your friend

"These big pants are already so dramatic, so the flats dress them down," says Suarez. "The effortless look is more in for Fashion Week, not like stiletto heels or platforms anymore. It's trying too hard. Everyone is trying to be 'less is more' which is cooler and easier."

Statement earrings

"I'm obsessed with hoops. Not like Jenny from the Block — well, kinda like Jenny from the Block, but a little more elevated," says Suarez.

"You can just wear a white T-shirt and really cool earrings and look done up. It just makes you feel more girly and put together."

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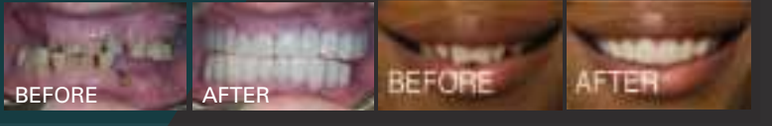

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5 labels to watch

These designers are getting all the buzz. NICOLE HUNTER

Eckhaus Latta

If you love: Hood By Air

The acclaim: Partners Mike Eckhaus and Zoe Latta have become regulars on all the lists worth paying attention to. Dazed magazine featured them prominently in its Cool 100, while Forbes counted them in its 30 Under 30.

Stand out: Following in the footsteps of progressive, label-defying brands like Hood By Air, Eckhaus Latta has a flair for deconstruction and deftly mixes elements of streetwear, the avant-garde and gender fluidity. These are directional clothes, the kind of work you wouldn't see on your morning train commute (though the ride would be so much nicer if we did!)

Pyer Moss

If you love: Vivienne Westwood

The acclaim: Erykah Badu styled his last show, and the buzzy pairing and striking collection earned Moss writeups on sites like W and Vogue. The designer, Kerby Jean-Raymond, and Badu have more than fashion in common: The two also share a strong political and social consciousness (see his outspoken views on Black Lives Matter). Rihanna and Usher are also fans.

Stand out: While his men's and women's wear collections have a unique sensibility all their own, its spirit is reminiscent of designers like Vivienne Westwood, creatives who aren't afraid to make bold political statements with their work.

Baja East

If you love: Alexander Wang

The acclaim: Founded by Scott Studenberg, a former sales director for Lanvin, and John Targon, who held the same position at Lanvin, Baja East is less than 3 years old but already counts heavyweights such as Net-a-Porter among its retailers. Lady Gaga is a fan. And at last season's show, Solange Knowles sat front row.

Stand out: The brand has an edgy, inclusive, pansexual and distinctly urban energy to it. Think early days Alexander Wang with louche, vintage Missoni-esque knits mixed in.

Sies Marjan

If you love: Dries Van Noten

The acclaim: After making his New York Fashion Week debut last season (one at which Anna Wintour sat front row) designer Sander Lak has already converted the buyers at career-making Matchesfashion.com and Barneys New York to his effervescent ready to wear.

Stand out: Prior to starting his label, Sies Marjan, Lak worked for Balmain, 3.1 Phillip Lim and Dries Van Noten, where he developed a flair for color, print, femininity and chic wearability that stood out in a runway season of streetwear and grunge re-creations. Expect his second show to be one of the buzziest of the week.

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Gypsy Sport

If you love: Keeping people guessing

The acclaim: Designer Rio Uribe's year-old line won the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund Award in 2015. Since then he has embedded his work in the modern pantheon of gender-fluid experimental fashion, establishing his take right up there with other young leaders in the revolution including Hood By Air and Wales Bonner.

Stand out: Uribe has taken the idea of streetwear, a trend that has been so ubiquitous for fall '16, and pushed it to a place that is challenging and distinctly experimental. He'll show his second women's wear collection this week. Expect a packed house.

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Pamela Adlon, left, wrote, produced and stars in "Better Things," making its premiere Thursday on FX. COLLEEN HAYES/FX

Pamela Adlon is making it up as she goes along

The "Louie" alum looks inward on her new show, "Better Things."

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Pamela Adlon is just getting to the good stuff. Known for leading roles on "Louie" and "Californication" and her voice work as Bobby in "King of the Hill," the sassy actor now has her own show that she writes, produces and stars in. In "Better Things," a semi-autobiographical 30-minute comedy she co-created with Louis C.K., Adlon plays Sam Fox, a working actor in L.A. who's also raising three daughters on her own (like Adlon).

The show depicts Fox navigating the day-to-day ups-and-downs of being a working mom with a laugh and a shrug. In the world of "Better Things," it seems, adulthood is about making it up as you go.

"I always felt like the log line for my show could be, 'Life is what happens to you when you're too busy to make any other plans,'" she says. "You have to make room for things that are unexpected all the time. You just can't plan."

We spoke with Adlon in advance of the "Better Things" premiere, which is Thursday, Sept. 8 on FX.

When you were writing the show, what was the balance of using your own life for material and creating anew?

I definitely had to look inward and tap into the Rolodex of stories I've been hoarding. I've been looking at my life in an observational way for so long, and then as I brought in these other actors, everything just became more fleshed out. As I was doing each episode, I was finding [Sam's] voice. I didn't really think, "Oh, this is how I'm going to be as Sam Fox," or whatever. It just became more and more clear as I was doing the show.

She's definitely kind of like me, 2.0. She's much more, I guess, volatile. Things that are dormant in me or characteristics that I don't have came to the surface with Sam. She's more extreme than I am.

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How did your experience on "Louie" influence you?

My association and collaboration on that show definitely helped form "Better Things." You know, I'm the daughter of a writer, but I learned so much about writing from "Louie," it's astonishing. And certainly I built muscles making my show that I didn't even know that I had.

You were born in Manhattan, but you grew up bicoastal. What is your relationship with New York and L.A.?

California has been an amazing place to raise my daughters. When I was young and I was being shuttled back and forth between New York and L.A., I kind of didn't fit in anywhere, and I just wanted to always go back to New York. And then as I became an adult, I decided I didn't want to have that mind-set; I wanted to be happy where I was. And so I got very grounded in L.A. and put my roots down here with my girls, who are very much California girls.

The poster is getting a lot of attention.

That was marketing's concept. And I said, "Great, I'm all for that," as opposed to having my face be on a bus or a billboard and my kids and I having to drive past it. I much prefer my ass showing than my face.

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There is no containing the chaos that is inherent with Joey Bada$$. The 21-year-old Brooklyn-born rapper has managed to turn his music career into a riveting reign through multiple facets of pop culture. That havoc bleeds into our brief phone conversation — the rapper (born Jo-Vaughn Virginie Scott) is pressed between ending his European tour the day before starting his American one alongside Top Dawg Entertainment luminary Schoolboy Q.

As he takes a break on the set of a video shoot, he explains that nerves are a thing of the past. "I don't get nervous anymore over touring, really," he says. "At this point, it'd be pretty weird. Right before I get onstage, I do a little, but I've gotten used to it. When I was asked to tour with Schoolboy, I was like 'Hell yeah!'"

"Mr. Robot"
USA NETWORK

Known for his '90s-inspired hooks and more so present-day social commentary, his lax performance demeanor can also be applied to his songwriting process. "Different days, different moods, different vibes, different methods," he explains. "Sometimes I write, sometimes I don't write. But I go with the flow and I never force anything." The organic nature of his debut studio album, "B4. Da.$$," is conspicuous between bars; the emotion he places behind each song is hard to execute but comes naturally to the MC.

Likewise, his foray into acting was just as seamless. His role as Leon on USA Network's Golden Globe-winning series "Mr. Robot" turned out to be an ex-

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tension of who he really is. "Leon was an easy role for me to nail because we have so much in common," the rapper says. "He's mysterious, I'm mysterious. He's a talkative dude, I'm a talkative dude. I'm trying to make an impact and progress in all areas, whether it's music or acting, if that makes any sense. I just want to act more, period."

If dark dystopian drama isn't your thing, you may have also spotted him as one of the famous faces in Calvin Klein's Spring 2016 jeans campaign. "Fashion is something you get into but style is something that you're born with and I've always been a stylish dude," he adds. "If I like something, I don't look at the brand. I look at the piece to see if it reflects my character, you know, who I am."

When asked if he's trying to diversify the entertainment industry with all of his undertakings, he asks me to repeat the question to allow it to sink in. "No, it's bigger than that," he pensively responds. "I'm trying to diversify the world."

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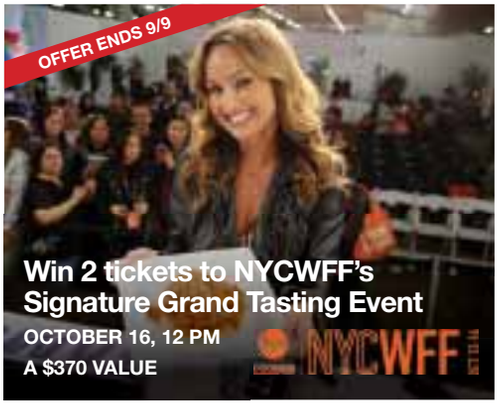

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On loving science and 'White Rabbit Project'

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Geek Girl in Hollywood

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"Mythbusters" alumni Grant Imahara, Kari Byron and Tory Belleci will return for more science fun in "White Rabbit Project," premiering on Netflix on Dec. 9 NETFLIX

I miss "Mythbusters." Maybe I miss it more now because everything I watch and read these days seems so out of whack and exaggerated. This weekend's news (and this year's, for that matter) was full of people saying things, then saying they didn't say them and their supporters trying to explain what they actually meant. I think I'm just overwhelmed with the double-speak of an election year. I miss soothing science on TV. You know, where facts are totally cool.

It was so lovely to watch the "Mythbusters" gang pull apart misconceptions about science, or see if something that happened in a movie could actually happen in real life. It never took anything away from the fantasy in those films. It was just fun! When it was canceled, I wasn't the only one left disappointed. Now I had to get my "could that really happen?" fix by overhearing geeky discussions at cons.

This past weekend, however, we learned that former Mythbusters Kari Byron, Tory Belleci and Grant Imahara are returning to investigating science mysteries about weaponry, jailbreaks, tech and more on Netflix in the forthcoming show, "White Rabbit Project."

I've found science shows calming since I was little. One of my favorite quotes is from Neil deGrasse Tyson, who said, "The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it." You can't argue with facts. I've watched "Cosmos" over and over, watching him travel through space in his oddly-shaped ship and listening to his stories about the history of science — it wipes out some of the lies and half-truths that are all over the web. Learning how small and insignificant we are in terms of the galaxy puts things in perspective.

However, I'm even more thrilled about the fact that, once again, we're going to see science as fun and exciting — and that kids are going to see that, too. When I was young, I was definitely more fond of the reading and writing side of things than math and science. That is, until I started watching an old show called "Mr. Wizard's World" on Nickelodeon. It opened up my eyes and made science fun. I didn't feel like it was all out of my reach. It gave me fun facts to go to school with that I was excited to share.

Maybe I wasn't the best at science but I wanted to learn more, and I think that's the point of shows like "Mr. Wizard's World." I have friends who actually went into science-based careers because of "Mythbusters," and I'm thrilled we're getting a new show that's going to do the same for the next generation. Maybe my niece will end up as an engineer or an astronaut because she watches an episode, or maybe she'll just love to learn. I know what we're watching when I see her this Christmas.

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10 Most exciting openings for fall

From celebrity chefs to intriguing concepts, here are the restaurants to watch. EVA KIS

things to do

Mediterranean chic

The Tao Group is known for over-the-top Asian clubstaurants in Midtown, and while their latest project certainly has the sprawling square footage, the concept is downright restrained. You'll feel a world away from Manhattan inside Avra Madison, the second edition of the successful Greek eatery Avra Estiatorio. The 17,000-square-foot restaurant with two levels and seats for 200 will have indoor lemon trees, a massive skylight and a fountain, lending an air of dining in Dionysus' backyard. The Mediterranean classics are still accounted for, but they just couldn't resist supplementing the fish options with some raw, Japanese-style takes. ***Opens Sept. 9, 14 E. 60th St., Upper East Side***

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The eagerly awaited expansion

Maybe the lines for **Black Tap**'s outrageous milkshakes (and their burgers aren't too shabby, either) will be only half as long when it expands to The Blakely hotel this fall. (That would still be an hour, so.) Chef Joe Isidori and Chris Barish are building on their success with some more outre burgers, like a California-style turkey burger and a Mexican variety made with chorizo. Oh, and there will also be two new milkshakes, Sour Power and Brooklyn Blackout, so maybe don't count on that line situation improving after all. ***October, 136 W. 55th St., Midtown***

A combo you haven't seen

Japanese food seems to be riding an endless wave of popularity, from okonomi-yaki to ramen to intriguing fusions. Of the latter, the upcoming **Sen Sakana** might just be the most unusual, blending Peruvian influences into traditional Japanese cuisine (and decor!). The 190-seat restaurant is named for the 1,000 fish said to swim the ocean between the two countries — Peru has a contingent of Japanese immigrants from the early 1900s, and the cuisines will meld in dishes like causa onigiri, a potato-based take on the Japanese rice ball with aji amarillo chiles, and chicken karaage, which is fried in toasted quinoa. ***September, 28 W. 44th St., Chelsea***

Rethinking a classic sandwich

The house that biscuits built has its eye on a new genre. Perpetual Upper West Side mob scene Jacob's Pickles is expanding into the French Dip category with the goal of "elevating the glory and glamour of that old gem" at **Maison Pickle**. Many details from former tenant Ouest will remain, and the bar will mix an expansive cocktail menu. ***September, 2315 Broadway, Upper West Side***

Finally, a kitchen of his own

The chef who dazzled us with vegetable-forward fare at ABC Kitchen and Cocina is going solo. **Dan Kluger** will open his own restaurant, as yet unnamed, serving shareable seasonal American plates that highlight the farmers and producers he's come to know from a lifetime of working in NYC's kitchens. Expect bold, layered dishes, much of it coming out of a wood-burning grill. And for the aesthetes, the restaurant was designed by Cycle Architecture + Planning, who provided the clean lines and retro vibes at Williamsburg's Lilia. ***September/October, 21 W. Eighth St., Greenwich Village***

Nightlife gets a revamp

Quality Branded has already managed to reinvent the most tired of NYC restaurants, the steakhouse, with Quality Eats. For their next trick, they're out for nightlife with **Squares**, a new nightclub rooted in society culture and meshed with the "let's just do what we like" ethos of the hospitality group — i.e., there will be marble busts and stag heads as part of the decor. Former Clover Clubber Bryan Schneider is in charge of the drinks, and expect big-name musical guests to grace the stage. ***September, 360 Park Ave. S., NoMad***

Wait, he doesn't have a restaurant here yet?

The closest that Wolfgang Puck has gotten to the city is a quick-service spot inside John F. Kennedy Airport, and that doesn't quite count. The celebrity chef is bringing his **Cut** steakhouse to downtown's new Four Seasons hotel. It will be open all day, begging the intriguing premise: What does a steakhouse serve for breakfast? Also expect Cut franchise classics like bone marrow flan and Japanese and American Wagyu beef. ***September, 99 Church St., Lower Manhattan***

Who needs seats?

Ikinari Steak lacks what is traditionally essential to restaurants: seating. The Japanese steakhouse's first location opened in December 2013 and now has 100 locations, so patrons don't seem to mind the setup. The meat is high quality but meant to be enjoyed "quickly and economically," so no lingering over your one of three kinds of steak (ribeye, sirloin, filet) served with a side of corn (the done thing in Asia). "It's a fun, interactive, communal, and brand-new experience for New Yorkers!" according to the cheerful press release — we'll see about that. ***November, 90 E. 10th St., East Village***

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The new Cheers

Food Network's Anne Burrell is coming to Brooklyn with possibly the best-named restaurant ever: **Phil & Anne's Good Time Lounge**. This laid-back joint gets its rock-influenced decor from Burrell's "cook like a rockstar" motto and is meant to be as comfortable as kicking it in your living room. A long bar is made for schmoozing, or watch the action in the open kitchen turning out Mediterranean-style apps like stracchino pizzetta and a brined pork chop. ***September, 196 Smith St., Cobble Hill***

The next wave of vegan desserts

It's been barely more than a year since Chloe Coscarelli's fast-casual vegan spot By Chloe took over our lunch routines (and Instagram). This month, she's set to open **Sweets By Chloe** next door to her original restaurant, serving cupcakes, cookies, cakes, pies and anything else that's made more delicious by baking. ***September, 185 Bleecker St., Greenwich Village***

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The party's back at Brooklyn Bazaar

The hot late-night venue returns to some interesting new digs in Greenpoint.

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Much of the original 1970s decor remains, including the fabulous carpeting on the stairs leading up to the concert venue. ALL PHOTOS EVA KIS

Polonaise Terrace is now Brooklyn Bazaar.

There was no lazing on the beach or barbecuing in the backyard for Belvy Klein and Aaron Broudo over Labor Day weekend. The duo behind Brooklyn Bazaar were busy finishing the fourth incarnation of the late-night market-meets-entertainment mecca, which opens Sept. 9 in Greenpoint.

"We've been pretty good at reinventing ourselves," says Klein. "It's been a necessity to move to new venues because the real estate market in Brooklyn is insane."

Opening night will be a massive affair, headlined by Indie rockers Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, but the star of the show might just end up being the new venue. Brooklyn Bazaar 4.0 is housed in the three-story Polonaise Terrace, a beautiful old banquet hall on Greenpoint Avenue.

"This is the first time we won't be in a warehouse all on one floor," says Klein. "We've gone vertical."

When they first saw it, the opulent hall's lavish chandeliers and all the decadence of its own time as a special events venue made it easy to imagine it as a retro venue for hip Brooklynites. Sadly, the building's owners removed the original chandeliers, leaving gaping holes in the ceilings.

"We were disappointed to see them removed; they were awesome. But we replaced them with some that are in keeping with the Art Deco style," Klein says.

Still in place: floor-to-ceiling mirrors throughout the three levels and original wallpaper and rugs from the 1970s. "It looks a bit like the hotel in 'The Shining,'" he notes. "The place has got a 'American Horror Story' vibe, and we've done our best to embrace that aesthetic."

While Brooklyn Bazaar is still free to enter, concerts in the upstairs hall will now be ticketed. The market's giant game room also made the move, with a basement full of pingpong, blacklight mini golf, an arcade and more. Around 30 vendors will sell vintage wares and curiosities Friday through Sunday.

Karaoke rooms are available to rent, and for liquid courage there are four bars. A ground-floor restaurant, Brooklyn Star, will serve Southern comfort fare by chef Joaquin Baca. Attendees will also be glad to find one big improvement over the previous Brooklyn Bazaar venues: proper bathrooms inside the building.

More events are in the works, starting with a Tuesday night film series curated by Nitehawk Cinema, kicking off next week with Roman Polanski's psychological thriller "Knife in the Water."

If that's what they're kicking off with, just wait until Halloween.

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HOT PLATE

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After growing up in Florida, I'm always happy to toast the end of summer on Labor Day weekend. Autumn in New York is revered for a reason, and while the chilly mornings and changing leaves didn't magically arrive exactly on Sept. 6, spiritually I was ready to get on with the best time of the year.

That meant finding the right transitional dessert, because the beginning of the end of 80 percent humidity deserves to be celebrated. Helpfully, French bakery-cafe Maman has created a collaboration teacake with one of its favorite customers: vegan baking maven Erin McKenna.

"I always admired Erin and what she was doing even before I moved to New York and followed her business," says Elisa Marshall, founding partner at Maman. "When she started coming into Maman, I was kind of starstruck, introduced myself, and we stayed in touch."

When she started getting daily requests for gluten-free sweets, McKenna was the obvious choice to find the right treat. The resulting banana chocolate marble teacake ($3.95 per slice) was inspired by the ones McKenna used to make with her mom, and just what you crave as iced tea gives way to the kind served in a warm mug on rainy afternoons.

The gluten-free cake is made with garbanzo and fava bean flour, with plenty of richness from the ripe fruit and sweetened with agave. Dense and deeply chocolatey in a way just tossing some chocolate chips into the batter can't achieve, it didn't actually need any tea for optimal enjoyment. But I had some — maybe it'll cue the cool weather to get here faster.

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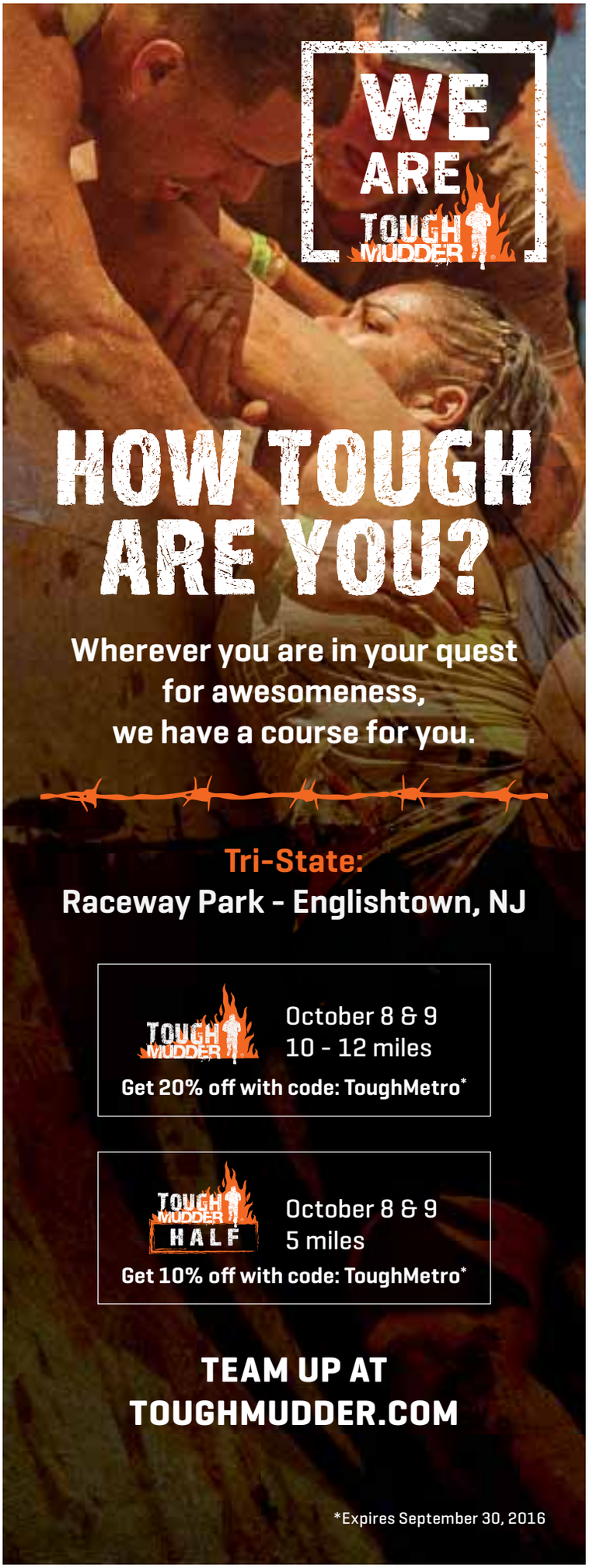
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FASHION

'Wrap'

Fashion and performance cross over at DKNY SoHo when Emilie Baltz kicks off her new eight-part talk show, "Wrap: An Underground Show, Above Ground." Part of a collaboration between DKNY and New Inc., the New Museum's art incubator, the series will take place live each week in the store's window display. Each interview will feature a female artist who will talk about her process and inspiration. **Free, Sept. 8, 6-8 p.m., 420 W. Broadway**

ARTS

'From Doodles to Pixels'

Spanish artists and animators have contributed significantly to the genre of 2-D art, including cartoons, computer generation, stop-motion and claymation. The Museum of Modern Art celebrates 100 years of Spanish art with "From Doodles to Pixels," now on display through MoMA's Department of Film. The exhibit restores classics, unearths academic works and spans genres from political satire to children's shows. **$25, through Sept. 15, 11 W. 53rd St., moma.org**

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THEATER

'Spamilton'

Earlier this summer, "Hamilton" fans had the chance to laugh at themselves and their beloved rap musical with "Spamilton," a parody of Lin-Manuel Miranda's Broadway hit. Written by Gerard Alessandrini, the creator of "Forbidden Broadway," "Spamilton" has been given an extended run beginning Sept. 8. The show will continue at The Triad, its off-Broadway home on the Upper West Side, through Oct. 30. **$59-$84.90, Sept. 8-Oct. 30, 158 W. 72nd St., triadnyc.com**

PARTY

PopRally: TEN

Ten is too young for late-night parties, but when the MoMA's PopRally series turns 10, it's definitely worth a crazy celebration. The museum's kicking after-hours series marks a decade with DJs, open bars, snacks, interactive games and special artistic surprises across all of the galleries and gardens this Saturday. **$40, Sept. 10, 8-11 p.m., 11 W. 53rd St., moma.org**

HEALTH

Wanderlust 108

Take care of your body and your mind at Wanderlust 108, which combines the physical thrill of a 5K with a full day of mindful practices, including yoga, meditation, dance (with DJ Sol Rising) and more in Prospect Park. You can participate in the healthy affair for free by attending the group workshops and guided sessions with MC Yogi and Faith Hunter in Prospect Park. Tickets get you a place in the 5K and priority access to the free events. **Free-$54, Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m., Nethermead, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, wanderlust.com**

HISTORY

SASS: History's Greatest Hits

Once a month, the Society for the Advancement of Social Studies meets for a history lecture. Sound a little boring? Well, what if they call themselves SASS and meet at a bar with themed drink specials? Yeah, that's more like it. SASS marks its fifth anniversary on Tuesday, and it's celebrating by revisiting three of its most popular lectures: "LSD and the CIA," "The History of the NYC Grid System" and "Prohibition: The Drinking Game." Best of all, it's totally free to attend at The Bedford. **Free, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., 110 Bedford Ave., getsaucedatsass.tumblr.com**

BOOKS

'Where Am I Now?'

Mara Wilson became a child star thanks to "Matilda," but she's done a lot more since then. Wilson will host the launch party for her memoir, cheekily titled "Where Am I Now?," with readings and a talk about her experiences on movie sets (hopefully with some doozies from "Mrs. Doubtfire"). She'll also sign copies of the book bought during the event. The event shares its date with Roald Dahl's 100th birthday — there might be cake! **$15, Sept. 13, 8 p.m., Liberty Hall at Ace Hotel, 20 E. 29th St., marawilsonwritesstuff.com**

ARTS

'An Occupation of Loss'

How do you convey the bond between the living and the dead? A new large-scale installation at the Park Avenue Armory reflects on the nature of grief and how we process it. During the day, see the artwork for $10. At night, professional mourners bring the piece to life by playing its building-size pipes ($45). Each experience stands on its own. **Sept. 13-25, 643 Park Ave., armoryonpark.org**

BOOKS

'Beyond Words'

The closest you'll get to knowing what animals are really thinking is award-winning ecologist Carl Safina's new book, "Beyond Words," which is about animal emotions and how we all communicate. Whether it's discussing elephant families or how whale pods travel the oceans, the book explains their language and emotions beyond our comprehension. **Free, Sept. 13, 6:20-8 p.m., Cooper Union Great Hall, 7 E. Seventh St., cooper.edu**

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Federal Donuts MICHAEL PERSICO

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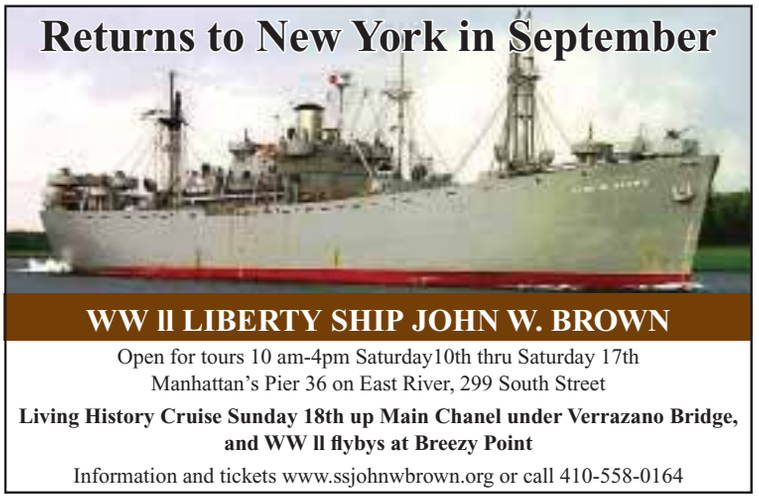
Michael Solomonov is known for two things: Israeli food and fried treats. He's already brought his hummuseria Dizengoff to Chelsea Market, and now his beloved Federal Donuts is popping up for one day only.

Chefs Club by Food & Wine (275 Mulberry St.) will open what it's calling the Back Door Bakery on Friday, Sept. 9. Service begins with Solomonov's made-to-order doughnuts ($2-$3) from 7-11 a.m. in flavors like Strawberry Lavender and Marshmallow Marshmallow, which is probably nutritionally on par with that bowl of cereal you usually call breakfast.

Then from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the fryers switch to Korean-style chicken served as a sandwich ($8) with cheese, dill pickles and two sauces. Philly don't play, guys. EVA KIS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Philippines

Friendly, welcoming and primarily English-speaking, the Philippines offer a unique mix of indigenous and European cultures in Southeast Asia. Beyond the frenetic bustle of Manila, more than 7,000 islands offer an endless variety of beach experiences, from commercial resorts to private island retreats.

Minneapolis

The North Loop of Minneapolis spreads out along the Mississippi River within the city's Warehouse Historic District. Like Berlin, Brooklyn or New Orleans' Bywater District, this Twin Cities enclave has witnessed a slow but steady rebirth as artists and business owners have moved into once-derelict warehouses and set up shop, restoring lofts and opening stylish boutiques and notable farm-to-table restaurants.

Ecuador

This vibrant South American nation is so much more than a gateway to the Galapagos. Ecuador is small enough that visitors can go whale-watching, hiking and museum-hopping all in one trip. Quito — the highest capital city in the world, at 9,350 feet — is home to 500-year-old plazas, one of the highest aerial lifts in the world and New Andean cuisine.

Munich
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Munich

This year, Germany commemorates the 500th anniversary of the Reinheitsgebot (Beer Purity Law), the 1516 legislation that dictated how Bavarian beer could be made. Accordingly, Munich, the state's capital, will host a more-festive-than-usual Oktoberfest (Sept. 17-Oct. 3) that will certainly draw larger-than-normal crowds. Beyond the beer steins, Munich charms visitors with its elaborate gardens, outstanding museums and palaces.

Utah

Home to both desert and mountains, Utah is the place to get outdoors this fall. With the historic creation of Park City, the largest ski and snowboard resort in the country, with more than 7,300 skiable acres and 300 trails, there's no better time to experience Utah's famous powder. Not a skier? No problem. Hiking the red-rock canyons of the "Mighty Five" parks — Zion, Bryce Canyon, Arches, Capitol Reef and Canyonlands — may change your life.

Abu Dhabi

The capital of the United Arab Emirates offers luxury, adventure and, soon, three major cultural institutions. This opulent city on the Persian Gulf is on the cusp of becoming the Middle East's fine-arts darling, with the Louvre Abu Dhabi opening in late 2016, in a striking building designed by Jean Nouvel, and the new Guggenheim in early 2017. The city is only a stone's throw from the epic Empty Quarter, the largest contiguous sand desert in the world, where adventurous types can go dune bashing and sand boarding.

Stay at the Qasr al Sarab resort, at the edge of the Empty Quarter in the United Arab Emirates. GETTY IMAGES

Haiti

The island nation's vibrant culture and people beckon intrepid travelers as tourism quietly rebounds following its devastating earthquake. Visitors who make the trip will discover a rare kind of Caribbean tourism — one that's not about relaxing on palm-lined beaches (although that is doable here) but about stirring the soul. Haiti's rich history, colorful art, voodoo folklore and jaw-dropping natural beauty create a heady mix unlike anywhere else.

Palm Springs

The mod California desert oasis was beloved by Golden Age stars (Marilyn Monroe was discovered poolside here in the 1940s). These days, you'll find hip, modern-day Angelenos, for a good reason: Its 350 days of sunshine (a dry heat at that) create the ideal climate for golfing on dozens of area courses or lounging by the pool at glamorous hotels with pampering services.

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NFL preview: Predictions and picks

Here are our picks. Let us know how wrong we are.

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Over the course of a 16-game season, the cream will rise to the top in a logjammed NFL this season. Here's a look at how we think things will pan out this year.

Our Super Bowl pick: We are taking a revenge-minded Tom Brady and the Patriots over the Cardinals in February. GETTY IMAGES

NFC East

Giants

The Giants sort of get the pick by default, but the level of competition is the thinnest of every division. Philadelphia will likely be held back by the learning process that will be Carson Wentz's rookie season. Washington is the defending champ, but will need the run game to be just as good as it was last year. The Cowboys have a rookie QB and a rookie running back in Ezekiel Elliott.

NFC North

Packers

This pick is not as hard to make as the East was. It really comes down to two teams, the Packers and Vikings, and each will likely make the playoffs with the Bears and Lions following behind.

NFC South

Panthers

The defending NFC champs lost Josh Norman but should be better on offense with Kelvin Benjamin and Devin Funchess acting as legitimate weapons for Cam Newton.

NFC West

Cardinals

This division will provide the NFC's other playoff Wild Card team in the Seahawks, but the Cardinals — last year's playoff shortcomings aside — have a complete and balanced offense led by David Johnson and Carson Palmer.

AFC East

Patriots

Jimmy Garoppolo will keep the Patriots afloat until Week 5 when the flood waters will unleash a fury on the NFL that could land Tom Brady an NFL MVP award in just 12 games. The Jets should sneak into the postseason.

AFC North

Steelers

Similar to the Patriots early season woes, Ben Roethlisberger will have to wait for Le'Veon Bell to hit the field after he serves his suspension. But once he does, Bell and Antonio Brown will lead the Pittsburgh offense to a division title.

AFC South

Texans

Finally, a competitive division. The Texans — winners of the division last year are favorites but only slightly. Andrew Luck has the chance with T.Y. Hilton and Donte Moncrief to piece together a really good year.

AFC West

Chiefs

Really, Kansas City gets the nod by default, as the potent Broncos defense was enough to carry an elderly Peyton Manning, but not rookie Trevor Siemian. The Raiders, much improved, will be contenders for a Wild Card spot.

Wild Cards

Jets, Colts, Vikings, Seahawks

Super Bowl

Patriots over Cardinals

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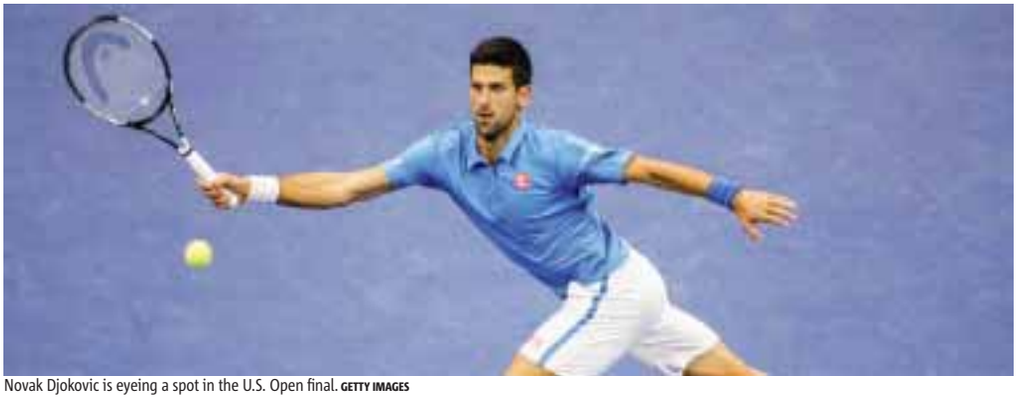
Djokovic's path to Open final wide open



Novak Djokovic is eyeing a spot in the U.S. Open final. GETTY IMAGES

Novak Djokovic has only had to play nine complete sets so far.

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While Novak Djokovic's path to the US Open final once appeared strewn with obstacles and tough opponents, it now looks like a free and open highway.

His lucky ride continued Tuesday night when Jo-Wilfried Tsonga retired with left knee pain after dropping the first two sets to Djokovic in a quarterfinal match under the lights of Arthur Ashe Stadium.

That followed a second-round walkover thanks to Jiri Vesely and a third-round, first-set retirement by Mikhail Youzhny.

In total, No. 1 Djokovic has only had to play nine complete sets through five matches heading into Friday's semifinal matchup with No. 10 Gael Monfils of France. By Friday, Djokovic will have completed just one full match in an 11-day span.

"I put myself in a position again to be one match away from the finals," said Djokovic, who won the Open in 2011 and '15 and is seeking his 13th career Grand Slam crown. "As [the] tournament progresses, I feel like I'm getting better. Of course this Grand Slam is very unique for me. I never experienced something like this to have three retirements on the road to the semifinals.

"I can only wish all of my opponents a speedy recovery. That's all I can do on my end. I obviously try to focus on things that I need to do; stick to the game plan."

Djokovic entered the Open with a balky left wrist that he injured right before the Rio Olympics and contributed to his first-round loss to eventual silver medalist Juan Martin del Potro.

The wrist injury impacts his two-handed backhand, but because of his easy path to the semifinals — and the additional rest he will get before Friday's semis — Djokovic says he's feeling pretty healthy.

"Actually, in this stage of the season, considering some physical issues I have had in the last month, month and a half, this was the scenario that I needed and I wished for," he said. "I got a lot of days off and recovered my body. Right now I'm feeling very close to the peak. That's the position where I want to be."

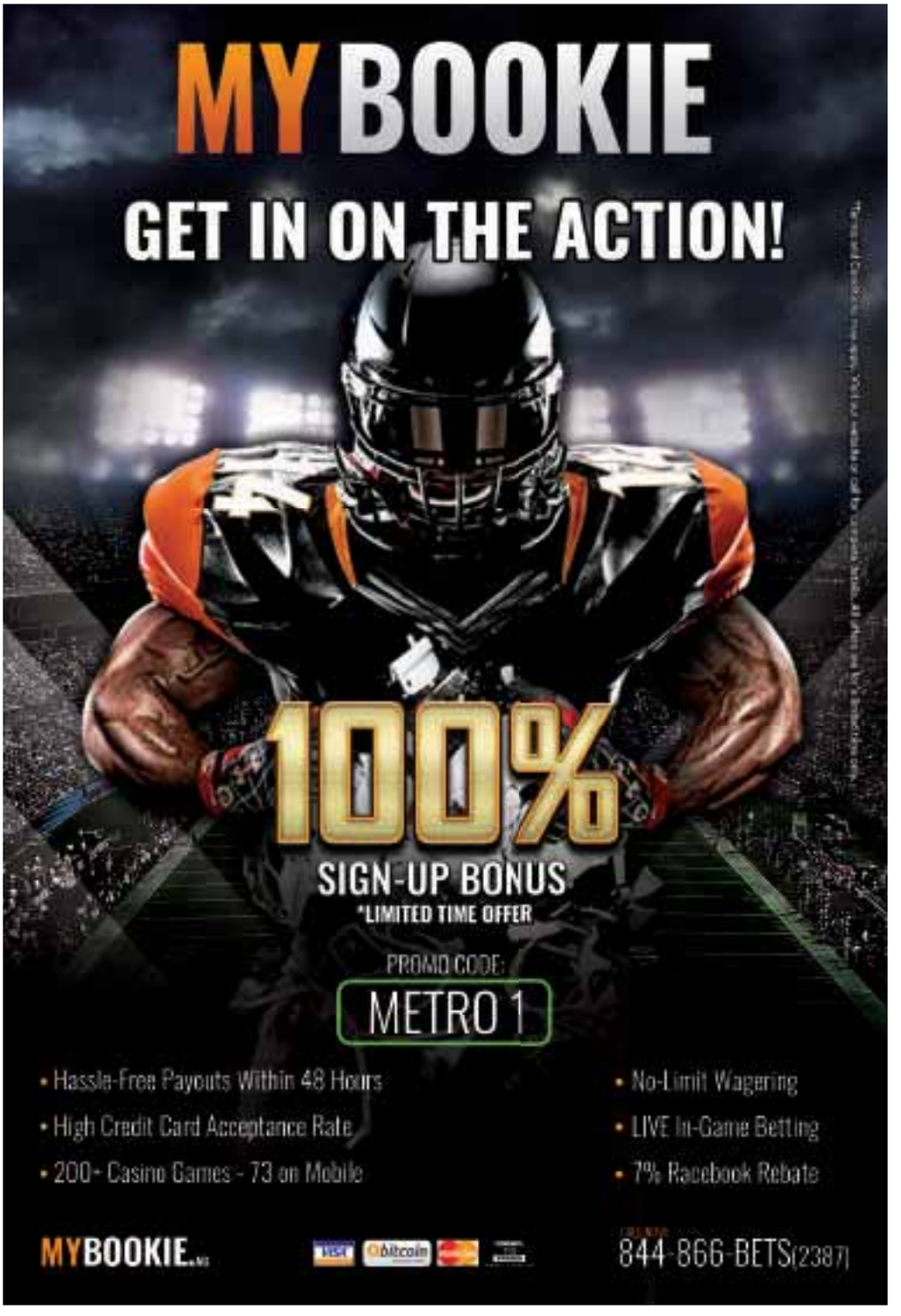
On top of all this, the draw has fallen the Serb's way, too.

When the draw first came out, Djokovic faced the prospect of having to beat three former Open champions to win the title: 2014 champ Marin Cilic in the quarterfinals, two-time winner Rafael Nadal in the semis and 2012 champion Andy Murray in the finals.

But American Jack Sock took out Cilic in straight sets in the third round, and Frenchman Lucas Pouille stunned Nadal in a five-set, fourth-round epic.

Monfils, playing a highly disciplined and focused brand of tennis, then dispatched Pouille in straight sets in the quarterfinals, setting up the semifinal with Djokovic. The Serb is 12-0 all-time against the Frenchman.

"He seems more focused at this time of his career," Djokovic said of Monfils. "Especially on the hard court this year maybe he's playing the best tennis he ever played. He's very consistent. He hasn't dropped a set till semis. That says a lot about the level he's on."



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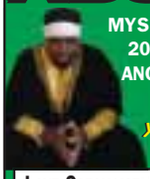

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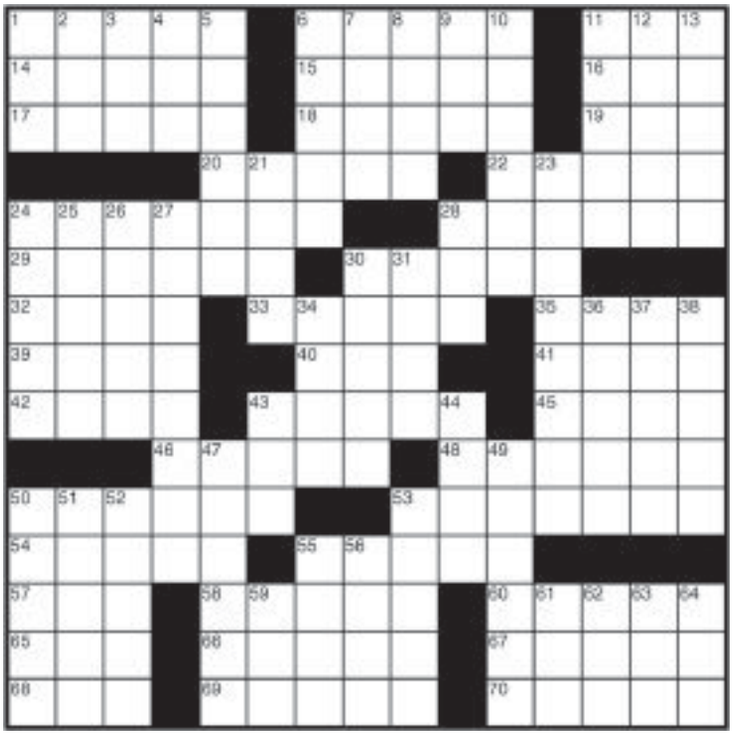

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Aries An opportunity will develop that will give you greater job security. Negotiating and signing contracts are favored. Positive changes are heading your way.

Taurus It's a good time to travel for business or educational purposes. A retreat will open your mind to a host of information that will help you reduce your stress.

Gemini You should put more energy into making personal gains, not into trying to change others. Focus on your appearance and physical fitness.

Cancer Don't take on someone else's responsibilities. It's not up to you to make other people look good. Do your best to get ahead by taking pride in what you do.

Leo Make a point to bring about positive change. Don't let the past hinder your advancement. You can't change what's already transpired.

Virgo Consider how to make your life easier. Give people who are placing demands on you something to occupy their time and keep them out of your hair.

Libra Take a chance and make a point to do things differently. What you discover will make a difference, not only to you, but to others with similar dilemmas.

Scorpio Refuse to take on too much. Honing in on what's most important will make a difference to the outcome of something you truly believe in.

Sagittarius Emotional matters will escalate if you cannot keep a secret. Offering information based only on hearsay will result in you being blamed for meddling.

Capricorn Ask for clarification if you aren't satisfied with the information you are given. If you stay on top of your personal business, positive results will unfold.

Aquarius A chance to show what you have to offer will be met with encouragement, but first you must take care of unfinished business.

Pisces When traveling or dealing with people who don't share your views, you are best off being protective of your personal information. **EUGENIA LAST**

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